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Examiner: O'Connor, C. E.

For : LOW PROFILE ANASTOMOSIS CONNECTOR

SEVENTH SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully direct the attention of the Examiner to additional art cited with respect to U.S. Application No. 09/936,805 which is a U.S. national phase under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT Application No. PCT/IB00/00310, filed on March 20, 2000. The present application is also a continuation-in-part (CIP) under 35 U.S.C. §111(a) of U.S. Application No. 09/701,531, U.S. Application No. 09/701,523, U.S. Application No. 09/936,806 and U.S. Application No. 09/936,789.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to review and consider this art, in accordance with MPEP 2001.06, MPEP 1893.03(e) and MPEP 1893.03(g) and to indicate in the next office action that he has considered this art. Additionally, the Examiner is respectfully requested to cite those prior art publications mentioned in this application which the Examiner considers to be material or relevant to the present claims.

Further, in order to comply with discretionary regulations 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98, attached is an Equivalent to Form PTO-1449 listing the cited art. Also attached are copies¹ of the art. This art contains information which the Examiner may consider to be important in deciding whether to allow the present application to issue as a patent.

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Applicants wish to point out that item 2 was cited on the Written Opinion, dated January 14, 2004, of PCT Application No. PCT/IL02/00790, a copy of which is attached hereto. Copy of item 2 is not attached as it is available in parent file U.S. Application No. 09/701,531 filed on November 28, 2000.

Applicants further wish to point out that items 7, 16 and 19 were cited on the International Search Report, dated January 21, 2004, of PCT Application No. PCT/IL03/00770, a copy of which is also attached hereto along with copy of item 16. Copies of items 7 and 19 are not attached as they are available in parent file U.S. Application No. 09/936,805 filed on September 17, 2001.

Additionally, items 8, 15, and 17 were cited on the International Search Report, dated February 3, 2004, of PCT Application No. PCT/IL03/00769, a copy of which is also attached hereto. Copies of items 8, 15, and 17 are not attached as they are available in parent file U.S. Application No. 09/701,531 filed on November 28, 2000.

In addition, items 9, 11, and 14 were cited on the International Search Report, dated February 3, 2004, of PCT Application No. PCT/IL03/00774, a copy of which is also attached hereto. The other item mentioned on this Search Report was already cited in the present application (i.e. U.S. Patent No. 5,250,058 was cited in an earlier Information Disclosure Statement.) Copies of items 9, 11, and 14 are not attached as they are available in parent file U.S. Application No. 09/701,531 filed on November 28, 2000.

Moreover, items 1, 3-5, and 10 were cited on the International Search Report, dated February 11, 2004, of PCT Application No. PCT/IL03/00771, a copy of which is also attached hereto. Copies of items 1, 3-5, and 10 are not attached as they are available in parent file U.S. Application No. 09/701,531 filed on November 28, 2000.

Item 6 was cited on the Notice of Allowance, dated January 28, 2004, of U.S. Application No. 10/221,982. Copy of this item is attached hereto. The other items mentioned on this Notice of Allowance were already cited in the present application (i.e. U.S. Patent No. 5,275,622, U.S. Patent No. 5,957,973 and U.S. Patent No. 6,004,330 were cited in an earlier Information Disclosure Statement) and U.S. Patent No. 6,632,241 was filed after the international filing date of the present application, i.e. U.S. Application No. 09/936,805.

Items 18, 20, and 21 were cited on the Supplementary European Search Report, dated April 20, 2004, of European Patent Application No. 99 92 2479, a copy of which is also attached hereto. The other item mentioned on this Search Report was already cited in the

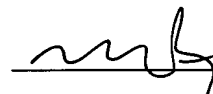
present application (i.e. U.S. Patent No. 4,214,587 was cited in an earlier Information Disclosure Statement.)

In accordance with MPEP Section 609 it is requested that each document cited [including any mentioned in Applicants' specification which is not repeated on the attached (or prior) PTO-1449 form(s) or equivalent(s) thereof] be given thorough consideration and be cited of record in the prosecution history of the present application by initialing on the PTO-1449 form or equivalent, so that it will appear on the face of the patent issuing on the present application, even if the Examiner does not consider it sufficiently pertinent to use in a rejection, or otherwise does not believe that the guidelines for citation have been fully complied with.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56 as an Examiner might consider any cited document important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, but the citation of each document is not to be construed as an admission that such document is necessarily relevant or prior art. No representation is intended that the cited documents represent the results of a complete search, and it is anticipated that the Examiner in the normal course of examination, will make an independent search and will determine the best prior art consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.104(a), and in the course of such search will review for relevance every document cited on the attached form.

Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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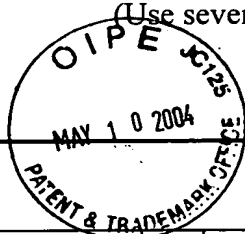


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	2	5,037,433	06 Aug '91	WILK, P. J. et al.			
	3	5,197,465	30 Mar '93	MONTGOMERY, S. K.			
	4	5,292,309	08 Mar '94	VAN TASSEL, R. A. et al.			
	5	5,649,946	22 Jul '97	BRAMLET, D. G.			
	6	5,968,069	19 Oct '99	DUSBABEK, A. J. et al.			
	7	6,022,351	08 Feb '00	BREMER, P. W. et al.			
	8	6,179,848	30 Jan '01	SOLEM, J. A.			
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	10	6,387,108	14 May '02	TAYLOR, C. S. et al.			
	11	6,652,541	25 Nov '03	VARGAS, J. et al.			
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	13	2001/0004698	21 Jun '01	BLATTER, D. D. et al.			
	14	2002/0019642	14 Feb '02	MILLIMAN, K. et al.			
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	20	WO 98/07399	26 Feb '98	PCT				
	21	WO 98/16161	23 Apr '98	PCT				

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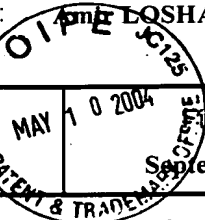
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37 CFR 1.97(c)

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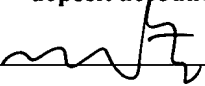
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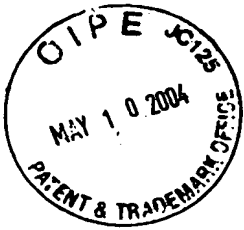
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